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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Mitchell R. Dorfman et al**

Filed: **December 7, 2001** Group Art Unit: **1731**

Application No: **10/008,894** Examiner: **Christopher A. Fiorilla**

For: **PRE-ALLOYED STABILIZED ZIRCONIA POWDER AND IMPROVED THERMAL**

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to office action dated October 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the current title with the following: -- METHOD OF PRODUCING A PRE-ALLOYED STABILIZED ZIRCONIA POWDER --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the current claims with the complete set of amended claims below:

1. (Amended) A method of producing a pre-alloyed stabilized zirconia powder comprising the steps of: